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In re Application of:

Oswaldo da Costa e Silva et al.
Serial No. 09/828,313
Filed: April 6, 2001
For: Protein Kinase Stress-Related
Proteins and Methods of Use
in Plants
Art Unit: 1638
Examiner: Cynthia Collins

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2003, Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims.

AMENDMENTS

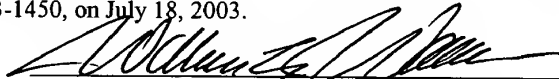
In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 32, 36, 46, 49, and 53 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 33-35, 37-45, 47, 48, 50-52, and 53 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)

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